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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

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**REQUEST TO APPROVE DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR EXTENSION OF THE  
CONTRACT FOR PROVISIONS OF PARTNERING FOR SAFETY AND  
PERMANENCE – MODEL APPROACH TO PARTNERSHIPS IN  
PARENTING TRAINING SERVICES WITH  
THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT:**

This letter recommends approval of delegated authority to the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), or her designee, to extend the Contract for a period not to exceed six (6) months, for provisions of Partnering for Safety and Permanence – Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (PS-MAPP) Training Services with The Community College Foundation (TCCF) which expires on January 31, 2010. This extension, effective February 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010, would allow DCFS sufficient time to conduct a solicitation for a new contract for PS-MAPP training services.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or her designee, to extend the term of the PS-MAPP Training Services Contract with TCCF for a period not to exceed six (6) months, as long as the extension is consistent with State social services procurement regulations. Your Board approved the underlying contract January 16, 2007 which expires January 31, 2010. The Contract allows the County to extend the term for six months as long as the extension complies with State procurement regulations. The Contract also provides the Director of DCFS the option to extend the Contract under

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your Board's delegated authority. However, we neglected to request delegated authority in the January 16, 2007 Board letter. Delegated authority is being requested to allow DCFS sufficient time to conduct a solicitation for a new contract, considering the revised contract policies adopted by your Board on March 31, 2009.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The PS-MAPP training program for resource (foster/adoptive) parents is designed to provide a firm foundation of knowledge, skills, and attitudes regarding foster care and adoption and to enhance the ability of foster and adoptive parents to care for the children placed in their homes. The current countywide Contract for these services expires on January 31, 2010. The six-month extension, effective February 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010, would allow DCFS sufficient time to conduct a solicitation of a new PS-MAPP Training Services Contract.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action is consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal No. 2, Children, Family and Adult Well-Being. The recommended action will fulfill DCFS' commitment to safety, permanency, and well-being/education by preparing all prospective resource parents to support the goals of reunification, and when that is not possible, be prepared to provide permanence to a child.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated cost for this six-month extension is \$615,461, and is financed using approximately \$307,731 (50%) Federal, \$215,411 (35%) State, and \$92,319 (15%) net County Cost. The amount of \$512,884 of the total cost of the six-month extension is included in the FY 2009-2010 Adopted Budget while the remaining cost of \$102,577 will be included in the Department's FY 2010-2011 Budget Request.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

DCFS has the responsibility to recruit and train potential resource (foster/adoptive) parents, and participates with the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division conducting orientations for prospective resource parents.

PS-MAPP training is for potential resource (foster/adoptive) parents. These services provide the potential resource (foster/adoptive) parents with guidance and a thorough understanding of their roles. It also provides an opportunity for the Department to observe and assess potential resource (foster/adoptive) parents. Classes are offered in English and Spanish throughout the eight (8) SPAs. Sign Language interpreters are available for attendees who are deaf. Other languages will be accommodated upon request.



**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

There is no additional contracting process needed for this action.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

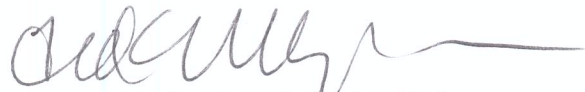
There is no impact on current services, and the services will continue if your Board approves delegated authority to the Director of DCFS to extend the contract for a period not to exceed six months.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send an adopted copy of the Board Letter to:

1. Department of Children and Family Services  
Contracts Administration  
Attention: Rita Murgas-Lee, Interim Contracts Manager  
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Los Angeles, CA 90020
2. Office of the County Counsel  
648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Respectfully submitted,



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